

STATUS REPORT

Notification of Intent

July 2002

INTRODUCTION

In January 2001, the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) adopted revised *Guidelines for Program Planning, Approval and Review* in order to expedite and improve the process for the institutions and HECB alike. One of the major changes in the *Guidelines* includes a new program review and approval process for existing degree programs proposed to be offered at a branch campus, a new off-campus location, via distance learning technologies, or a combination of delivery methods.

The process requires an institution to submit a Notification of Intent (NOI) in electronic format to the HECB at least 45 days prior to the proposed start date of the program. The NOI includes the following information:

- Name of institution
- Degree title
- Delivery mechanism
- Location
- Implementation date
- Substantive statement of need
- Source of funding
- Year 1 and full enrollment targets (FTE and headcount)

HECB staff posts the institution's NOI on the HECB Web site within five business days of receipt, and via email notifies the provosts of the other public four-year institutions, the Washington Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Inter-institutional Committee on Academic Program Planning, and the Council of Presidents. The other public four-year institutions and HECB staff have 30 days to review and comment on the NOI via an email link on the HECB Web site.

If there are no objections, the HECB Executive Director approves the existing degree program proposed to be offered at a branch campus, a new off-campus location, via distance learning technologies, or a combination of delivery methods. If there is controversy, the HECB will employ its dispute resolution process.

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From June 11, 2002 through July 11, 2002 the HECB Executive Director has approved the following existing degree program in accordance with the NOI process:

Institution	Degree Title	Location	Approval Date
WSU	BA in Anthropology	Vancouver	July 12, 2002
WSU	MA in History	Vancouver	July 12, 2002
WSU	MS in Environmental Sciences	Vancouver	July 12, 2002
WSU	BA in Humanities	Distance Learning	July 12, 2002